

DOON MOUNTAIN RACE - Report by Douglas Barry

Riocht's John Lenihan overcame a determined challenge from Kevin Thompson (London Irish) to win an extended **Doon** race - the second race in the Munster championship. The course which ran into access difficulties featured several miles of tarmac road and had a total distance of 7 miles. Lenihan and Thompson had a close tussle to the summit with the former World Champion just making it first by only 20 metres after a formidable climb by Thompson.

Lenihan who seems to have completely shaken off the flu virus which dogged him in the run up to the Carrauntoohil race put the boot in on the tricky descent and got away from Thompson - an inexperienced descender. Willie Guiney (Desmond Currans) got third ahead of former Croagh Patrick record holder Pdraig Higgins. Irish champion **Majella Diskin** got the better of New Zealand's Leonie Foster. **Mike McAuliffe** was first veteran man.

A shorter junior course saw the emergence of Limerick's **John Grimes** as another potential candidate for the Irish team to travel to the Worlds at Reunion. Grimes disposed of the challenge of Nagles winner Martin Bradshaw - a local from Doon - and the winner of the Carrauntoohil junior race Fergal Fitzmaurice (Ballyduff) to win in a time of 20 minutes 57 seconds.

1	John Lenihan	Riocht A.C	40.02
2	Kevin Thompson	London Irish	40.58
3	Willie Guiney	Desmonds Currans	43.30

JUNIORS

1	John Grimes	Limerick AC	20.57
2	Martin Bradshaw	Reenavanna Harriers	21.26
3	Fergal Fitzmaurice	Ballyduff	22.52

WOMEN

1	Majella Diskin	Riocht A.C.	53.24
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